John Henry's PAL

By GEORGE V. HOBART

bad!" echoed Bunch Jefferson, as we money. There's only one cinch at the sat in the club and made rapid passes track, believe me, Bunch, and that's at a light luncheon.

diing after the ponies and his pocket- it." book is leaking like a scuttled ship." "Busy Uncle Peter, of all the comeons! It sounds like a pipe paragraph, "He kind to it, Bunch; it's in a it does, John," laughed Bunch.

"It's the goods, Bunch," I answered. "Ever since that little filly, Peaches, wir the big race and Clara J. accidentaily fore off \$19,000, Uncle Peter and jockeys and trainers, and the ful to watch him going up against the cents car fare the day he had to stay all over him till his financial system home and nurse his rheumatism." Bunch laughed so earnestly that one

of the lamb chops hopped off the plate | about it " inquired Bunch. and started to leave the room. "And you, John" he inquired when

saw you three months age-"

down. I admit freely that for gaite some time I traveled with the Andrew Carnegie push and tried to give my coin away, but I'm through. I've stopped splashing."

"Still living at Ruraldene," Bunch inquired.

"Yes," I answered, "Still in the footbills. You must come out and camp with me in the bungalow for a week or two, Bunch. The fresh air will do you good."

"Thanks, John: I do need a rest after that South American trip. Very likely I'll take a long breath and rush out your way the latter part of next week," Bunch responded.

"Latter part of next week," I echoed; "oh! yes, now I remember. Uncle William Gray and Alice are expected home from Europe about that time and they have a castle in the cornfield next to ours-tush, Eunch, "tush!"

Bunch put on a little pink around the gills.

"When are you and Alice going to trot in double harness, Bunch?" I asked. "Seems to me you've been dodging the minister about long enough now!"

fully. "He says Alice is too much to to take a running kick at the cat, and the kindergarten to leave home yet, then he drops into a Morris chair and came back, "but Uncle William has what he buys. Say, John, I'm afraid the old gentle- barks sullenly at the landscape till man handed out the set-back just be- the hash whistle blows. How about cause he doesn't approve of me."

"Saw that off," I said; "why, you're apple of his eye and he likes to have track habit?"

subject.

take you by the ear and scold you!"

"Nix, Bunch," I answered; "I sold Peaches to Murí Higginbottom, the trainer; scaked the rake-off in a slice of real estate and today I'm away to the good. Honest, Bunch, I'm now about six blocks up Easy street, and walking fast. Sometimes when I think of that little bunch of bills in the bank I get so stuck on myself I want to run over to Philadelphia and laugh at the mint."

"Oh, slice your cake, John!" chirped Bunch. "I've seen you with a bundle of money before now, but the snow drifted in the safe, nevertheless." Bunch is the original Human Frost.

It tickles him to threw icewater on the warm babies.

"It strikes me queer," Bunch went on after a pause; "that you'd sell Peaches after she got so busy in that big race and handed you out such a fancy finish!"

"I didn't exactly sell Peaches," I answered. "Muri Higginbottom, the Kentucky ge'man, hauled in a large wad on that very race, so for a cash consideration I let him have Peaches for three years. He'll treat her white, you can bet on that. Clara J. and I intend to save up, and at the end of three years we'll have a home for Peaches, and she won't have a thing to do but pull a six-pound deg-cart once or twice a week, and bite her

"to see a man get his hooks into a money, but he distrissed the subject vegetables produced and an increase streak of luck and then let go of the by saying he was on his way from in the cost of production .- Colville

Gazaboine who answers roll call when overboard, it was his own he was she won by accident just about broke fever. Uncle Peter has, and it will rich. Fine gravel, the grains averageven with the various sums I've lost ake heroic measures to cool him off." ing from one-twentieth to one-twelfth by design, so 'John,' says she, 'cut your cables and drift away! drift bag?" said Bunch, quietly. awar""

sit on the doorstep of a feelish house I growled. all my life?" I inquired. "Don't you think I owe it to my wife and my relations to put the pipe down once in a | that the only real breadwinner at the while and pretend I'm awake? What track is the bookmaker?" do I know about horses? It was Murf who turned the trick, and if I had followed it up it was me for the cold and gather in Uncle Peter's loose slightly elastic road for saving wear storage, sure. It would have been a change?" Bunch went on, case of Airship Mike, up and away as "I become a bookmaker!" I gasped. dent.

"Seven thousand simoleums to the the crow flies for little Johnny's the bookmaker. He's the only one "Surest thing you know," I and down there who can keep a ten-spet swered, "Poor old Uncle Peter is pad- long enough to look at the pictures on

> "Wait, John," Bunch broke in: "I've got a great and original idea!" strange land," I admonished.

"You say Uncle Peter is going the pace that kills the bookies with joy?" "The old man is on the hot-foot, sure thing," I answered. "Of course, has had colts in the hat-block. The he's not really likely to go broke beold man is certainly horse-haunted, cause he has so much money that the the spends all his time at the track, only way he could lose it all is to drop dinning out hot air to the stable boys it in a well. Nevertheless, it's pain-

> is black and blue" "What do the home folks think

"Up to now they aren't wise to the he got back "what have the captains bondre!" I answered. "There's a got an idea that if I can make myself of industry been doing to you since I strong smell of smoke about his bank solid with Uncle Peter he may be "To me!" I at swered, throwing the turned in. Anni Martha has noticed jam Gray, and thereby enable me to chest out a foot and giving Bunch the great changes in Uncle Peter, how-lead Alice away to the little old log busy glare. 'Never no more! Every ever, and it's only a question of time cobin of our own." penny I have is paided to the floor, when she'll catch him with the goods. "Drop that plate; it's hot, Bunch," I and the floor goes in the safe at sun- It used to be that the old fellow was said. "Uncle Peter Grant and Will-

"Sure," said Bunch; "isn't it the shell road to wealth? Isn't it Cinch into your parlor and get his roll. avenue all the way to the bank? All you have to do is to coax Uncle Peter After a while when the old gentleman's fit of coughing is over and he backs away from the fight, disgusted and sick of it, you can hand him his money, minus the commissions, and give him such a shock of joyous surprise that he'll stand on his head and thank you with both feet."

It sounded like a wise wheeze. "But Uncle Peter would recognize me, and it would be all to the frizzle," I cried suddenly. "Clara J. wouldn't fancy it if she learned I was fooling around the track again after she had squared matters for me and put me even. I guess I'd better let Uncle Peter plod along to the poor-house," I added, sadly.

"Nonsense, John," chortled Bunch. You don't have to appear in the matter at all. Besides, I'll take a hand in the game myself."

"You be the bookmaker, that's it; fine, Bunch, fine!" I yelled.

"Not exactly," he broke in; "but I can get a fly lad named Ikey Schwartz to stall for us. Ikey is a member in good standing of the Bookmakers' Brotherhood and Burning Money Hunters' association. I've known Ikey for years, and, since our object is purely philanthropic, I'm sure he'll be glad to give us the heiping mitt."

"What'll it cost to put this production on, Bunch? I'm quite willing to only win he has made so far is 50 breakers every day and having it put rush to Uncle Peter's rescue, but I'm not eager to sprain my ankles in so doing." I said.

"We won't take a single chance," Bunch answered. "Before we go any further, John, I must tell you that my fact that Uncle Peter is so busy at the motives are not wholly unselfish. I've account, but there's been no alarm induced to square me with Uncle Will-



"Didn't I Tell You We Wouldn't Take Any Chances?"

"I'm for a license the next minute very pleasant company around the iam Gray never speak as they pass after I overcome Uncle William's ob- house, but now when he rolls home of by. You've picked out the wrong anjections," Bunch answered, mourn an evening the first thing he does is swer." that idea of yours, Bunch?"

"I'll be there in a minute." Bunch white all the way through, Bunch, and | replied; "first of all, John, do you

his apple where he can see it; that's | "Don't ask me riddles, Bunch," I hard I can't get at it," I answered. ,all, Bunch. You'll get her all right, if snapped; "wouldn't you work overtime Bunch laughed and changed the cellar? Sure, I want to cure him: but how? I tried to suggest to him "And do you mean to tell me you quietly on several occasions that he's to teach Uncle Peter how to behave! on his table the early strawberries fell heir to a fancy dust thrower like up against the squeezers, but Uncle Not on your horoscope! If Uncle Pethat Peaches filly and never sent her Peter just cut off a cackle and said he ter wants to take a walk on the road out after a wad of real money?" he knew his business. I told him that a to ruin I'm not going to flag himinquired. "Why, somebody ought to man had to learn the horses back not when it costs me \$5,000 to buy the



"Never, No More! Every Penny I Have is Nailed to the Floor and the Floor Goes Into the Safe at Sun-

way through all the hand-painted outs | wards and sideways, going and com | squirrels runs into many thousands of | ing, from Alpha to Omaha, before he dollars, causing a consequent decrease "It seems pitiful," sighed Bunch, could hope to pull down any sure in the amount of grains, grasses and Alpha to Gmaha now, and, besides, if | Correspondence Spokane Herald. "Blame it all on the wise little he wanted to pitch a bit of money you mention Clara J.," I answered, pitching. What can you do with a "She figured it out that the amount clothespin like that? He has the made with promising results at Zu-

"I know all about that," Bunch great faith in Uncle Peter's judgment, just as hard. However, I'll take a long chance on all that. How much loose coin have you, John?" "About \$5,000 loose, besides the

Uncle William knows it. Alice is the want to cure Uncle Peter of this race-bundle that's working in the real estate business; but that's tied up so

"All right," Bunch went on; "we'll I have to go and drag her away my- to stop a dippy relative from shovel- be equal partners in this deal. It'll and breed only the best. ing his gold dust into another man's take about \$10,000 to make the picture look right."

"What!" I velled: "me risk \$5,000 flag, nix!"

"Wait! wait!" Bunch broke in: "feel for the soft pedal and come back to Quiet Valley. Didn't I tell you we wouldn't take any chances? Do you my money and feed it to the pigeons? You leave this to me, and I'll guarantee you'll save Uncle Peter and be a hero to your family forever and ever. Are you game? Say the word and we'll hunt up Ikey Schwartz!" "Light the gas, Bunch; I'm with yearly. you," I said.

And we shook hands on it. (Copyright by G. W. Dillingham Co.)

Want Bounty on Squirrels.

Since the bounty on squirrels was stopped several years ago the little pests have greatly increased in numbers until the question of handling and vegetables.

Every farmer has to devote from five to fifteen days each year in fighting squirrels, and the annual cost of poison to each farmer averages \$5.

During the operation of the former came quite scarce in this section, for men often made wages in the spring by a systematic campaign against the squirrels. The amount of damage caused each year in this county by

Elastic Roads in Switzerland. An interesting experiment has been "How would you like to be the ice of an inch in diameter, the whole carefully freed from earthy sub-"What's the gag, Bunch? Are you stances, was coated in a revolving "And you drifted," laughed Bunch. leading me up to the center so you drum with tar. These pellets were "Say, Bunch, do you expect me to can ask me for a foolish answer?" then carefully dried and hardened, and after eight or ten weeks were spread "Nix now, John," Bunch responded: during dry weather in a thick layer

"didn't you say a few minutees ago upon a prepared roadbed and rolled. The road thus formed is inexpensive, possesses a certain elasticity and "That belief for mine," I answered. is said to withstand well the effects "Well, why don't you take a hand of heavy traffic. The desirability of a and tear and suppressing noise is evi-



Look out for mites.

Select seed corn early.

The cow never tires of silage.

Don't put a sick fowl in a coop with healthy ones.

Scraps from the table will help to reduce the feed bills.

Old corn is the best feed until the new gets well cured out.

Every corn grower should test ev-

ery ear of seed corn this year. In buying a cow the first thing to

do is to look well into the breed. Green-cut bone must not be confounded with ground bone or bone

A great deal of interest is being manifested these days in the small

Horses, hogs, pigs and calves eat silage and thrive on it as well as does

the dairy cow. The milk from a cow in a poer rundown condition is certain to be cor-

Every orchard ought to be planted in checks to admit of clean cultivation with the smallest amount of hoeing.

respondingly poor.

On the average farm, fifty hens bring as big returns as the best cow

Many times, one hill will produce at the rate of 520 tushels per acre. well-cured clover hay for laying hens.

cured by a tablespoonful of baking take than to confine your breeding soda in slop three times a day for a ducks, especially if they are Indian

place in the equipment of every dairy tion of seeds and plants and order The feeding of clover hay to poultry

is a very simple matter and can be successfully done by any farmer or general survey can be given in a short Scales are a good thing for a man

to have. They enable him to know just what he has to sell and also shens, she pays only according to Ewes that go into their winter quar-

ters in an unthrifty and low flesh con-

dition cannot bring good vigorous lambs in the spring. There is often a tendency on the part of beginners to increase their

herds too rapidly. Better go slowly

A variety of crops certainly adds to the pleasure of living, if he can have and the late blackberries.

Go carefully over your farming scheme as you worked it last season, try to discover the weak spots and set to work to remedy them.

If you have plenty of pasture and milk, that veal calf will make nice suppose I'm dead anxious to chop up baby beef this fall late, either for market or for the home meat supply.

> It is estimated that 90 per cent of the poultry product of the country come from the farm, and that the value of these is close to \$300,000,000 is sometimes worse than no chick at

A few drops of tincture of iron in

the drinking water makes an excellent spring tonic for the poultry. It last of April, then diminish the numtones up the system and makes rich, ber of drakes to one drake to five or While there is more or les preju-

dice against the use of rye as food them has become of vital importance for farm animals, it forms a valuable to take account of stock at the beto the welfare of all growers of grain addition to oats and barley for live ginning of every year, the same as stock in Germany.

Oat straw contains from three to four per cent. of flesh-forming principles and about 12 per cent. of gum. due to a lack of planning, and they sugar and other fat-forming matters. squirrel bounty law the animals be- Wheat and barley straw are not quite these plans call for. so valuable.

Get the very best seed you can find, put the crop in good condition. This season promises to be very favorable for planting and most farmers will be ling the fowl in winter. able to plant much earlier and with a better prepared seedbed than usual. Much corn is annually injured by early autumn frost because the crop was planting this year.

Horses should not be compelled to wear their winter coats of hair any longer than necessary. Farmers, as If you are going to use an incubator well as horsemen, should have their for the first time commence to plan horses clipped as soon as they are ex- for it now. Ascertain what make will pected to do spring work. It is true be best suited to your needs, and the horse sheds his winter hair, but then secure one, set it to running, sometimes the shedding is not as fast put eggs in it, and make an experias it should be. Should the horse be mental hatch before the time comes out of condition the shedding process | when you expect to do your best work is naturally slow. He sweats badly and cannot afford to lose valuable and does not dry out well at night. time. If hens are to be your means Clipping is both humane and sensi- of hatching make a goodly number of ble. Horses which are not clipped un- nest boxes for your layers so that til the weather is warm and which when one becomes broody she can are properly blanketed and protected have eggs put under her and closed when necessary are not in any danger up to prevent other hens from disof taking cold.

Spray for soft scale.

Buy only the best seeds.

Plant some strawberries this spring.

If a hen is very sick, it scarcely pays to doctor her.

Strawberries work in well with egetable growing.

in the life of the little pig. Don't try to feed ten hogs in a

The first week is the critical time

trough big enough for only six. Under domestication the hog has become an animal of wide distribution.

Now is the time to produce lots of milk. Plenty of time and prices are

A weak point in dairying is the lack of cleanliness at all times and in all

Treating small grains with formalin is too important to be overlooked by farmers

To give profitable returns dairy cows must be well bred, well fed and well managed.

The most profitable nut trees for the

middle states are the chestnuts, wal-

nuts and shellbarks.

The first great requisite in the care of stock is perfect cleanliness, pure air and abundant sunshine.

A hen that does not lay usually does not bother the trap nest unless she is after eggs for food.

Flax has been found a profitable crop in the West and seems well suited to the prairie soils.

in buying a barrel churn don't get one too small; if you do you will find it takes a long time to churn.

Raising of broilers is a business by itself. Start on a small scale and then with success increase, the capacity. i've held up trains out on the plains-

Scrub poultry may serve a good purpose in the pot, but they should not be permitted to propagate their kind.

Stables should be well lighted and so arranged that the light will not Yet though, old pard, my heart was hard, in the herd with less feed and care. strike the animals directly in the eyes.

Few farmers and poultrymen know six eight-ounce potatoes; which is about the feeding value of bright, Fou'll find my name is one o' fame You can not make a greater mis-

Runners. The cream separator, the silo and One of the very important things to the manure spreader should find a do this month is to make your selec-

> them now. Pruning apple trees involves so many principles that only the most

The dairy cow is one of the best money makers on the farm; but, like 'value received."

The Holstein, the Ayrshire and the milking shorthorn are the best breeds for the milk farmer to raise. For cream select the Guernsey.

Good comfortable housing and judicious feeding are the two cardinal or the Rhymicon. And let us prohibit principles of successfully wintering the breeding ewes.

The value of skim milk on the farm when fed in conjunction with grain is greater than it is usually given credit for being.

ventory of your farm and plan to keep records of all transactions connected with your farming operations. Don't be in a hurry to get rid of the

It is a good time now to take an in-

old bull. Remember that he has proven himself and the calf that you buy will be more or less of a lottery. A chilled egg will bring forth a

weak chick if it hatches at all and a

weak chick that has hard work to live

During the breeding season mate one drake with four ducks until the

six ducks. The matter of keeping records is important. The farmer should be able any merchant does.

The lack of success which so many farmers have with chickens in largely neglect to give the fowls the attention

Anyone can easily see that bone is one of the best feeds for producing eggs, as the fat assists in forming the volk of the egg and also in sustain-

The possibilities of the best seed corn are so large in yield that farm- fountain clerk, or just a plain every ers cannot afford to jeopardize the planted too late. In most sections most valuable crop on the premises there will be little excuse for late by neglect in the matter of thorough tests for strong germination of the

> Plan well for your hatching season. turbing her.

T've been a wicked man," he said, "I've

've shot at folks by way of jokes a half-

've gone in broad daylight an' stole a

But though I've been a man o' sin, I

Tve set fire to a tenement to see the

've swiped the alms from blind men's

an' once when it was bitter cold I took a

've scuttled ships on pleasure trips-but

Tve dynamited savings banks an

fold bricks of brass I've made to pass

've been a counterfeiter too, an' made

T've worked the shells at county fairs,

've sold fake stocks in thousand blocks-

Each victim's tears were like three

Tve burgled here and burgled there, an'

But set this down"-the dying breath was

Although I've been a man o' sin, I never

'Rah for Reform.

Comes now another reformer who

wants to uplift us by eliminating the

word "Hello" from our telephone con-

versations. Good! We heartily agree

with his deep-drawn suggestion that

the first syllable of that word is too

suggestive of a certain form of swear

ing. It had not occurred to us before;

standing on windy corners of conver-

"Early to bed and early to rise

Furthermore, let us change the

name of the Helicon to the Rubicon

the sale of hellebore in drug stores.

While we are about it, let us disin

fect things properly. Change thε

a law forbidding people to sue for

damages, and, with one supreme mo

tive, brethren, let us wipe the infamy

of the Gaten dam off the Isthmus of

Wishes of No Avail,

"This is my husband, Mr. Grump

We've just been married. Don't you

"When I look at your husband, mad

am, I cannot wish-I can only hope."

Imperfect Reproduction.

we say to the bereaved lady, "to have

that splendid phonograph record of

your late husband's voice. It is so ab-

"Ah," she sighs, "it is like, and yet

"Yes, it talks right ahead in his

tone, but it never stops when I inter

Puzzie.

Without finishing this we leave it to

the reader to guess whether he was a

half back, a college orator, a base

ball star, a matinee idol, a novel celeb

rity, a prize fighter, a novelist, a soda

The Post-Lenten Ball

"Brown is disguised as a cavallet

and he flirted with a pretty little Dres

den shepherdess under the palms, got

her to unmask so be could kiss her-

"No She fainted when she saw

Afraid?

"What should I call my pet dog?"

day and Sunday young man.

"What is it?"

and it was his wife!"

was he."

slender youth.

"Good joke on the Browns."

"Did she call him down?"

"He is my hero," she sighed.

"It must be very consoling to you,"

wish us happiness?

solutely natural, too."

"Unlike?"

rupt it."

so unlike, poor dear Henry!"

cheers whene'er I'd get his goat;

an' pockets, too, I've picked;

the come-on I have tricked;

palms an' thought that it was fun:

done a-many crimes;

widder's fattened shoat

never sold my vote.

skipped off with the cash;

with all a con maa's dash;

but never sold my vote.

I never sold my vote.

run a racin' book;

almost any crook;

sold my vote."

rattling in his throat-

never sold my vote.

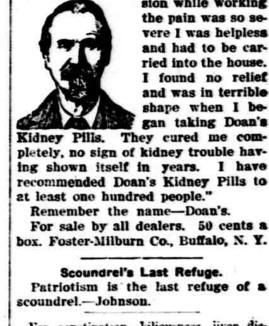
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engines run,

cripple's coat;

a greasy note;





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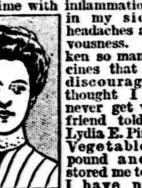
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